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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT ANTICIPATED  
GRANT AWARD FROM BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

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**SUBJECT**

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Request delegated authority to accept an anticipated grant award from Blue Shield of California Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to develop and execute a work plan to support integrated delivery of services across the County as the Low Income Health Program enrollees transition into managed care on January 1, 2014.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to accept and sign a Grant Agreement for up to \$250,000 from Blue Shield of California Foundation (BSCF), for a period of 12 months, effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, for the Building an Integrated Safety Net Project (Project), subject to review and approval by County Counsel and notice to the Board and Chief Executive Office (CEO).

To ensure access to high-quality,  
patient-centered, cost-effective health  
care to Los Angeles County residents  
through direct services at DHS facilities  
and through collaboration with  
community and university partners.



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### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Department of Health Services (DHS) recently applied for a \$250,000 grant from BSCF for the Project to ensure that Low-Income Health Program (LIHP) patients will have continuity-of-care with their physicians and specialists when Medi-Cal expansion and Affordable Care Act implementation occur in 2014. BSCF grant awards will be announced in December 2012 for a grant period commencing on January 1, 2013. Approval of the recommendation will authorize the Director, or his designee, to accept and sign a Grant Agreement from BSCF for up to \$250,000 in the event DHS is awarded the grant. The delegated authority will ensure that DHS is able to commence the one year project on January 1, 2013.

In August of 2012, BSCF released a Request for Applications inviting responses from California safety net health care providers working together to improve integration of care delivery to better coordinate care for low-income populations. DHS, with the support of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) and L.A. Care, submitted a proposal to BSCF for funding to secure two technical assistance consultants to successfully implement all necessary contractual, fiscal, operational and technical support goals required to integrate DHS's specialty healthcare providers with the Health Care LA Independent Physician Association (IPA), by January 1, 2014. The consultants will also explore opportunities to strengthen mental health referrals between the IPA and the County, as well as coordinate with regionally-based clinic partnerships to bring them into this network where possible.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action supports Goal 1, Operation Effectiveness, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The anticipated BSCF grant award to DHS is \$250,000.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County Counsel will review and approve the final BSCF Agreement prior to execution.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended action will enable DHS to expediently accept funding and implement the Project that is intended to ensure that LIHP patients will have continuity-of-care with their physicians and specialists when Medi-Cal expansion and Affordable Care Act implementation occur in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office  
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department:	Health Services
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Grant Project Title and Description
Acceptance of a grant award from Blue Shield of California Foundation for building an Integrated Safety Net Project in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
Blue Shield of California Foundation		None

Total Amount of Grant Funding:	\$250,000.00	County Match Requirements:	\$0
Grant Period:	Begin Date: January 1, 2013	End Date: December 31, 2013	
Number of Personnel Hired Under this Grant:	0	Full Time	N/A
		Part Time	N/A

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant funded program? Yes N/A No

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes N/A No

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires Yes N/A No

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes N/A No

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes N/A No

(Describe)

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by this grant. Yes NA No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above None

Department Head Signature

Date

10/25/12